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Dear [redacted]

Before I discuss business matters with you, let me explain why it has taken me so long to write since my return fro[redacted] If you recall, I left [redacted] Friday afternoon and arrived in Washington Friday night. I went to the Office at 8:30 AM Monday morning and at 10:00 AM I was in bed with the flu. I remained in bed until Friday following Christmas. Hence, my work and correspondence has been sadly neglected. C

I appreciate very much the opportunity of talking with you again, of looking over your very exceptional organization and of having dinner with you and your very charming wife. Please extend to her again my thanks for a homecooked meal in an alien city. Quite incidentally, I do not blame you for my attack of the flu.

Getting down to the problems in which we both have an interest, I have presented informal descriptions of your organization and its work. I have also explained to my superiors the excellent cover you could provide and have told them of your enthusiasm and highly intelligent appreciation of our problems. It is my honest belief that my organization will work out, in the fairly near future, some plan whereby we can use your organization in the experimental work I outlined, which will be of great service to the Country and I trust of considerable benefit to your [redacted] C

This project has not as yet reached the detailed working stage, but the reception to date has been entirely favorable and I feel very encouraged along these lines.

In connection with the above, I should like to mention a word in connection with your friend [redacted] but for your information only. He is at loose ends in the Agency at the present time. Because of this, I am considering using [redacted] in some sort of connection with the project which I am going to propose that we will develop at your [redacted] I feel [redacted] might possibly be used in A

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sort of a liaison capacity or used in [redacted] temporarily in this connection. I hope the idea will bear fruit but, like so many of these items, it has to be developed slowly.

When I was last in [redacted] I asked you to give me the names of individuals that you regarded as being key men in connection with our ideas. I believe I also asked you to give me some sort of a biographical statement such as place and date of birth, etc., of these individuals. I am only mentioning this to remind you that I will start clearing these individuals as soon as you forward me their names. Believe me, there is no rush in this matter, I am merely calling it to your attention again.

Let me thank you again for your courtesy and your excellent ideas in connection with the matters in which we have mutual interests. I intend, as I mentioned above, to place all pressure possible to bear into putting into effect a project along the lines about which we have previously talked. I will, of course, keep you fully informed of all developments here, including any pertinent information I may develop on [redacted] However, if you are in communication with [redacted] do not mention this interest since I do not even know if he would be interested in this matter.

If you are coming to Washington in the near future, let me know in advance. I will certainly take you to dinner but I must confess we have no [redacted] to display to you.

Very sincerely,

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